OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

REGINALD MILLER,) ED99265
Movant,) Appeal from the Circuit Court) of the City of St. Louis
v.) 1022-CC11830
STATE OF MISSOURI,) Honorable Philip D. Heagney)
Respondent.) Filed: September 17, 2013

Reginald Miller (Movant) appeal from the motion court's judgment denying on the merits without an evidentiary hearing his untimely filed *pro se* motion for post-conviction relief under Rule 29.15.¹

VACATED AND REMANDED.

<u>Division Four Holds:</u> The motion court erred in deciding Movant's untimely-filed motion on the merits. When a *pro se* motion for post-conviction relief is untimely filed, the motion court has no authority to address the merits, and the motion must be dismissed.

Opinion by: Gary M. Gaertner, Jr., J.

Lisa S. Van Amburg, P.J., and Patricia L. Cohen, J., concur.

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¹ All rule references are to Mo. R. Crim. P. 2013, unless otherwise indicated.